

# GENESIS 8

## Expounding God's Word

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### KEYWORD

### REVERANCE

God (Plural)  
God (Singular)  
LORD  
GOD  
Lord  
lord  
El Olam  
Bara  
Asah  
Beth  
Numbers

Elohim (The Trinity)  
El  
Jehovah & or Yahweh (YHWH)  
Jehovah & or Yahweh  
GOD the Master (Kurios), Adonai  
Man the Master  
Everlasting God  
God creating from nothing  
God making or assembling from existent materials  
House

- 1 - Unity between God the Father & His Son Jesus (John 10:30)
- 2 - Represents union, division, and verification
- 3 - Harmony, New Life & completeness (467 times)
- 4 - Creation & The creative ability of God.
- 5 - God's grace, goodness and favor toward humans (318)
- 6 - Imperfection of man and the sin and weakness he has
- 7 - Perfection
- 8 - New beginnings
- 9 - Divine completeness or conveys the meaning of finality (49)
- 10 - God's authority, completeness, order, and divine perfection
- 11 - Disorder, chaos and judgment (11 - 24 & "11th" - 19)
- 12 - God's power and authority (187)
- 13 - Rebellion
- 40 - Represent completeness or wholeness.

### Keywords

“create” (bara), “make” (asah), and “form” (yatsar). In Isaiah 43:7 – All the three are used.

*Jehova means the becoming one as God relates to man and man's needs and becomes to man whatever man may need*

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And God remembered Noah, (

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- Doesn't mean that God forgot Noah and suddenly remembered He had a guy down on the earth floating around on the water, but that direct activity with God began again.
  - One of the problems that we have with God is that we don't have divine terms with which to describe Him.
  - There are probably terms that we will discover when we get to heaven, but we wouldn't even understand them now; because, they are terms that define the aspects of an infinite God.
  - We are limited to our own vocabulary and therefore, we use human terms in talking about God.)
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And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark; and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged; (

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- For the first time probably they began strong wind currents
- Prior to the flood with all of the water suspended in the atmosphere there was much less water surface upon the Earth at that time.
- As a result the earth was probably far more jungle like everywhere
- There would have been a more like an Earth water kinda of a balance and as such would have created a much greener effect
- Now with this water suspended in the atmosphere kept a moderate climate around the world
- There weren't ice caps at the Polar Regions and in fact the Polar Regions were jungles also
- But now that this moisture blanket has been removed and there is not nearly the amount of moisture in the atmosphere as there was prior to the flood there was the beginning then of the ice caps and the beginning of the glacial movements and with the development of the ice caps at the polar regions and the Hot Zone of the Equator, now we have the makings of these wind currents that began
- Now winds can be developed by the heat in the cold areas the contrast between them something that didn't exist before the flood
- Prior to the flood there weren't really violent wind storms at all
- The climate was moderated to the extent that any Breeze at all would have been just a very gentle breeze and air movement but not great violent winds.

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- Now the wind blowing and the water receding actually draining off into ocean beds
- Now as it was doing this, as the pressure of the water began to settle in the lower areas of the sea beds
- The cluster of the earth began to have tremendous pressures and there were these great uplift movements
- So mount Everest and the Himalayas began to push upwards
- The Andes began to push-ups
- There is evidence of this movement there in the mountain ranges of this upward thrust that there were these tremendous pressures being created by the weight of the oceans settling in some areas and pushing and thrusting upwards
- Great volcanic actions around the world at this particular time
- The development of the mountain ranges
- The establishing of the sea in their present order
- And of course the dramatic geographical changes that took place then after the flood
- So while Noah was there sitting atop of Mount Ararat there were all kinds of activities that were taking place in the geographical surface of the Earth around him as you have the settling of the Season upward thrust of the mountains
- May I suggest the little book Earth in Upheaval by Immanuel Velikovsky where he thoroughly documents the upward thrust of the Andes as having taken place about five to six thousand years ago
- Where he documents the upward thrust of the Himalayas taking place about the same time as the Andes these were going up
- We have found high up in the Andes the remains of the cities, where people grew corn and so forth in areas that are far above the level of growing corn and the indication is that the people were living at a lower altitude but with this upward thrust they were thrust so high so much so they could no longer cultivate and a such they finally just left the area and then moved to lower ground)

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The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; (We now move into the drying out time) And the waters returned from off the earth continually; and after the end of the hundred and fifty days (Equalling to 5 months showing that originally as is also for all the ancient records that the year was calculated at 360 days a year. That's a 30 days a month. Same for prophecies, they were predicated upon 360 days a year) the waters were abated, And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains (

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- We can see mountains symbolized throughout Scripture, tending to mean different things.
- Places of worship, peaks in life, where Jesus transfigures, etc.
- In the case of this passage, it shows that God has not abandoned Noah.
- A mountain could represent hope that the flood waters would eventually recede.)

of Ararat. (These were the highest mountains in that region and go up to 17,000 feet)

It is interesting to me that God would give us the exact days that this happened.

There is probably a significance to these dates as God just doesn't throw in dates.

God gives us the very day that the flood began and that it lasted one hundred and fifty days.

It began on the seventeenth day of the second month and now on the seventeenth day of the seventh month, five months or one hundred and fifty days, the waters prevailed on the earth.

So, it is a year that was calculated on a 360 day year.

In the Old Testament, up until the time of Daniel, years were still calculated by the Babylonian Calendar; which was a 360 day year calendar.

Now, the interesting thing is that on the seventh month, the seventeenth day, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat.

Do you know what day Jesus rose from the dead?

**It was on the seventeenth day of the seventh month, which was the month of April on the Jewish Calendar.**

The Passover takes place on the fourteenth day of the seventh month and Jesus was three days and three nights in the heart of the earth, making it the seventeenth day that He arose from the dead.

It was the very same day that the ark rested.

Another interesting note is that Noah's name means "rest."

There have been a lot of stories as to the location of Ararat. A lot of different countries have laid claim to having Ararat within their country; however, it would seem that the location in Armenia is probably the correct location.

There have been reported sightings of the ark on Mt. Ararat, which is now in Turkey, throughout history.

Marco Polo has recorded in his writings, of the ark being a curiosity piece; visited many times by the people living in the area of Mt. Ararat.

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There are those that believe that the ark exists there today. There is a book written by a French explorer, Navarro, "The Ark, I Touched It." He brought down certain pieces of wood from Mt. Ararat which he said he broke off from the ark.

There have been expeditions, every summer, going to Turkey attempting to locate the ark again.

Jim Irwin, the astronaut, has put together expeditions for two summers and Heritage College in San Diego has sent expeditions for the last three or four years searching for the ark.

These men, with their scientific equipment and gear, hoping to find the ark and to bring back the actual evidence that the ark still exists; but, as yet, there is still no solid confirmation that the ark does exist, encased in ice, about the fifteen thousand foot level of Mt. Ararat.

If they do discover the ark, it would be the greatest archaeological find in the world; but, would it make you more of a believer in God? Would that cement your faith? Wow! I guess so. No. Jesus told the story of the rich man and Lazarus and the rich man wanted Father Abraham to send someone back to earth to testify to his brothers so that they wouldn't come to Hell. "Abraham saith unto him, they have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham; but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." (Luke 16:29-31).

Your faith in God is a matter of choice and there is sufficient evidence already to cause us to believe in Him.

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And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

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So the water is now draining off beginning to settle in the sea beds and of course their begins this upward thrust of the mountainous regions in the tops of the mountains.

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And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made; And he sent forth a raven, **(The Ravens, later in the Bible, provided a prophet with food. The Dove often represents peace in the Scripture. Both of these birds in this passage likely represent peace and rest to come and God's provision)** which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; but the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on

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the face of the whole earth; then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off; **(That is where we get the picture of the dove with the olive leaf and it has become a symbol of peace)** so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

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And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him anymore. And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry, **(He still didn't come out)** and in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried. And God spake unto Noah, saying, go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

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So Noah and his family came forth after 371 days or so, there in the ark, and God commands them to be fruitful and multiply.

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And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him; every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark. **(They were in the ark for 370 days)** And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, **(Remember he took by 7 pairs of every clean beast)** and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar, (

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- Now later on when we get into Leviticus we will discover the various types of offerings
  - We will find that the burnt offering was the offering of dedication, commitment or consecration unto God
  - There was the peace offering which was the communion or fellowship with God
  - And the sin offering)
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and the LORD smelled a sweet savour; **(He smelt that BBQ smell, Jesus loves it so do I)** and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; **(From youth, because we have been**

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born with a sinful nature) neither will I again smite any more everything living, as I have done.

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The first thing that Noah did was to build an altar to the Lord and offer a sacrifice.

It was a burnt-offering sacrifice, which is the sacrifice of consecration. This all happened long before the Mosaic law (Levitical Law); before God instituted or codified the various types of sacrifices; before God had ever codified the clean and unclean animals.

Yet, here was something that pre-existed the Mosaic Law in that Noah offered the sacrifice of consecration.

Noah, having descended from Adam, had a sinful nature.

God recognizes and acknowledges now the sinful nature of man.

Even though man does have the sinful nature, God is going to make a way of redemption for sinful man.

God recognizes that man has this tendency towards evil, yet declares that He will never again destroy every living thing.

There is an indication, in scripture, that during the Judgment of God that only two-thirds of the earth's population will be destroyed and one-third will live.

So, it won't be a total extermination as it was in Noah's day.

There will be that possibility that a person could survive the Great Tribulation Period, although it's not a possibility that I would want to gamble on.

God made his covenant with Noah,

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While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

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It is quite possible that they didn't have winter and summer prior to the flood, but just a uniform temperature around the earth annually.

A beautiful, tropical climate everywhere all year long.

The earth is now tilted which gives us summer and winter and also causes the polar ice caps.

The polar ice caps account for the winds, storms, and the violent air currents which make much of the earth uninhabitable. The vast areas of the Arctic Circle are for the most part uninhabitable by man.

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These began to exist only after the flood.

This is one of those subtle indications of more than just the fountains of the deep being broken up and more than just the emptying of the canopy of water.

There were probably other great catastrophes that were associated with this time of the flood of Noah creating the elongated year of 365 days and creating the various seasons of winter and summer, cold and heat, etc.

This was God's covenant with Noah and up to the present day, God has kept His promise.

I know it is going to get dark this evening and light tomorrow morning, because I have God's promise.

As long as the earth remains we will have our seasons, our orbit around the sun, and seedtime and harvest.

I believe that when Jesus comes again to establish His kingdom, His judgment will have a twofold purpose.

**One to judge the people and the other to bring the earth back into the position it was in before the flood.**

I believe that in the Kingdom Age, there will be conditions existing, as before the flood, with an ideal climate which will be universal here on the earth.

The earth's present tilt will probably be corrected and made straight and God will probably restore the earth to what it was before the flood.

An earth restored to the beauty of Eden.

If you're interested in a scientific treatment of the flood you might want to read Henry Morrison's "The Genesis Flood."

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### LESSONS FROM NOAH'S ARK

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Noah's family consisted of eight people: Noah, his wife, three sons, and their wives.

As they were the only human survivors of the flood, they became the founders of a new and second lineage of mankind that brought about our salvation in Jesus Christ.

The events leading up to the flood can be seen as a forerunner for the second coming of Jesus (Matthew 24:37-39).

Some lessons we can learn is that God can provide a way out to salvation.

People on earth had a chance to repent and go with Noah onto the ark, but they refused.

We also see lessons of God's faithfulness in this passage.

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He does not leave Noah's family out in the floodwaters.

Instead, the waters eventually recede and they find land again.

